

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
May 5, 2014

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order. All members were present.

CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Sparh asked the Board if they had made any decision on replacing the carpet in the Circuit Court room. He brought revised bids for the carpet. Judge Sparh would appreciate them considering carpeting the entire room to help control the noise level. The Judge informed the Board that there is an available week at the end of June for the work to be done. The Board asked him to bring back the information May 19.

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 4-21-14 minutes. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

VACATION CARRY OVER REQUEST

The Auditor presented a request from Shelley Shircliff, payroll deputy, to carry over 1 and ½ days of vacation to be used June 16 and 17. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

On April 28th the Board of Commissioners reviewed and approved the May 2nd payroll.

CLAIMS

On April 28th the Board of Commissioners reviewed and approved the claims.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Commissioner West asked Mr. Roberts about some property (approximately 4 acres) that a citizen would like to give to the County. Mr. Roberts told Commissioner West to have the person get a survey done and give the survey to him for review.

Mr. Roberts informed the Board that he is reviewing the animal control ordinance draft because he thinks the fines need adjusted.

TREASURER

Becky Morris, Treasurer, informed the Board that tax collections are at 25%.

Mrs. Morris also informed the Board that a lot of banks are starting to charge fees for collecting taxes and wanted to inquire if the Board at some time would consider getting a drop box or kiosk for the citizens could use. The Commissioners are not sure how far they should go as there are many options already available.

OLE OLSON

Ole Olson will be doing a play in October about a murder trial and would like to hold the production in one of the courtrooms as they have in the past. They will work with the judges.

HEALTH BOARD

Mark Waite and Dr. Farag came before the Board to discuss raising Dr. Farag's pay due to him not offered County insurance anymore. The Commissioners agreed to do a pay adjustment for him to cover the cost of the supplement Dr. Farag will have to get. The Health Board would like to raise his pay \$10,000. Commissioner West made a motion to pay him \$3,000 (to be paid quarterly) retroactive to January 1st, 2014. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Waite informed the Board of Commissioners that the Health Board is raising Dr. Farag's pay to \$20,000 next year because they feel he is underpaid. The Commissioners said that the Council makes that decision. Mr. Waite stated that he thought it was up to the Health Board. The Health Board can make the recommendation but the Miami

County Council has the final say due to the fact they have to look at the overall money of the County. The County has a levy, which is the most the State will allow them to collect. The levy covers 5 tax driven funds. They have to look at all of those funds and decide how much they can allow for each.

Commissioner West stated that he appreciates the work of the Health Board and wishes he could do more.

LAND

Mr. and Mrs. Hileman owned some property that the County bought and informed the Board that the acreage was incorrect and needs fixed.

INSURANCE

Mary Brown, Chief Deputy Auditor and head of the insurance committee, brought the recommendations of the insurance committee to the Commissioners for consideration.

- 1) Rate increase of 20% plus an additional \$10 for smokers (this includes dependents as well). Everyone will have to fill out a form stating if they smoke or not. If the person states they do not smoke and they are found to have been smoking the penalties are:
 - a) 1st offense 3 months full rate
 - b) 2nd offense 1 year maximum rate
 - c) Forever at maximum rate

Smoking includes any tobacco product, E cigarettes and vapor

- 2) Spouse not covered as secondary on our insurance
- 3) Extending the wait time for insurance from 30 days to 90 days
- 4) Not offering insurance to Council members

Commissioners realize that they do put in more hours than the Council, however Commissioner Francis stated he did not feel like they should be offered the insurance either. Commissioner West agreed.

- 5) The insurance committee also recommends that a Medicare representative come in to speak to employees about their options.
- 6) It is very important to keep the Grandfathered status

Commissioner West made a motion to accept all of the recommendations. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Commissioners thanked the committee for all their hard work.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen made a recommendation to the Board to remove a stop ahead sign from 700S and State Road 19. Commissioner West made a motion to accept the recommendation and remove the sign.

Bay Geophysical asked for permission to do seismic testing along CR 250 North. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Einselen also brought an administrative settlements on property purchased for the Business 31 project (in the amount of \$4,775). Commissioner West made a motion to accept. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to allow a detour at 800E to 1200 S and 1050E. Motion died for lack of a 2nd.

The Board received a request from Wabash County Dam to Dam Century Ride to place signs along rural roads that mark a 100 mile century bike route. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to approve. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CENTRIC HRM

D. Michael Bowditch spoke to the Commissioner about looking at the workman comp insurance for the County and offer some recommendations. He would need to look at 5 years of reports. Commissioner West asked the Auditor how much work that would be for her office and Mr. Bowditch answered it would probably be a 30-second phone call.

Alan McCloskey spoke to the Board about looking at the health insurance plan and making recommendations. Mr. McCloskey would also need 5 years of reports from the current health plan. He does not feel like it would be a burden on the Auditor’s office either. They will both send the Auditor an email asking for all of the information they will need. Mr. McCloskey also feels that it is not important to keep the grandfathered status.

IT

John Evans informed the Board that the server at the Highway department is dead. Everything is on local drives but it is not possible to back it up. It is possible to hook them up to go wireless and they could hook up to our back up system as well as EMA. Kris Marks told the Board that he did not have the money to do that so the Board would have to do it. BOC will talk with Brad Smith at the Highway.

EMA

Kris Marks brought the EMA Strategic Plan to be signed by the Board. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to sign. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR RESUME

The Board received 9 resumes for the position. No decision made.

EAGLES POINT

Bill Berkshire asked the Board if the County owned a street sweeper because the streets at the Estates at Eagles Point are in serious need of having the streets swept. The County does not have one but the Commissioners will look into options available to them.

DOME

Tim Hunter informed the Commissioners that there is a leak around the dome.

CLEANING OF 4th FLOOR

Discussion was started again on the cleaning out of the 4th floor.

DOCULIVERY

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the Doculivery contract between the Auditor and LOW. The Auditor has the money to pay for it and it would save tremendously to not have to print the pay stubs. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Hamman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

_____, **Chairman**
Joshua Francis

_____, **Vice Chairman**
Larry West

_____, Member
Jerry Hamman

Attest: _____, Auditor
Jane Lilley